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Application of Colley et al. Art Unit 1624  
Serial No. 09/806,184  
Filed June 5, 2001  
Confirmation No. 5402  
For PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF ETHYL ACETATE  
Examiner Zachary C. Tucker

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AMENDMENT B

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

In response to the Office action mailed October 10, 2002, the time for response to which is extended to February 10, 2003 under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following heading between the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 10 and the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 13:

B1 --Brief Description of the Drawings--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 1 with the following:

1. (once amended) A process for the production of ethyl acetate which comprises:
- (a) converting a C<sub>2</sub> feedstock comprising ethanol to ethyl acetate in an ethyl acetate production zone by a procedure selected from:
    - (i) dehydrogenation,
    - (ii) oxidation,
    - (iii) reaction with acetaldehyde, and
    - (iv) oxidation to acetaldehyde followed by the Tischenko reaction;